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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of:

INVENTOR: Joseph Robert Stetter

EXAMINER: Ta Hsung Tung

SERIAL NO.: 09/915,166

ART UNIT: 1753

FILED: July 25, 2001

FOR: CHEMICAL SENSING APPARATUS AND METHODS

**AMENDMENT**

February 24, 2004

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of January 7, 2004, it is requested that the following amendments be made:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1, 16, and 17, add four new claims, and amend the remaining claims as follows:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1 (canceled)

2-15 (withdrawn)

16 (canceled)

17 (canceled)